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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 20, 2009
Meeting Time: 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 3

Members Present: Sen. Edward Charbonneau, Chair; Sen. Phil Boots; Sen. James Lewis; Sen. Richard Young; Rep. David Cheatham, Vice-Chair; Rep. William Friend; Rep. Richard Dodge.

Members Absent: Sen. Robert Deig; Sen. Randall Head; Rep. Steven Stemler; Rep. Jack Lutz; Rep. Joseph Pearson.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m., and called for Committee discussion, including any recommendations members might have.

The Chair began a discussion of a possible recommendation calling for the continued cooperation between the Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and the Army Corps of Engineers in permitting for the removal of logjams. The recommendation passed by a voice vote of a majority of members of the Committee.

Rep. Cheatham suggested the Committee recommend the following principles concerning diffused surface water issues that might be included in legislation in the upcoming session:

- Designating a local authority, such as the county drainage board, to referee if requested in diffused surface water conflicts before the cases are taken to court.
- Authorizing a local authority to make decisions in diffused water conflicts.

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- Providing enforcement powers to a local authority for diffused water conflicts.

Following Committee discussion, the recommendation passed by a voice vote of a majority of members of the Committee.

The Committee adopted the final report by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.